

## ALVESCOT PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Present: Mike Honour (MH), Richard Munro (RM), Dennis Govan (DG), Becky Hird (BH) Justine Garbutt (JG)  
M Farley (MF), R Lewin (RL),

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- 169 Apologies for Absence:  
None
- 170 To Receive Declarations of Pecuniary Interest  
None
- 171 Adjournment for Public Participation  
None
- 172 Minutes of Meeting:  
172.1 Minutes were accepted and signed  
172.2 Fete minutes- 27/03/17 were accepted and signed  
172.3 Car Park minutes – 04/04/17 were accepted and signed after item 176  
172.4 none
- 173 Planning Applications:  
173.1 16/04045/FUL Park Farm – awaiting decision  
173.2 16/04253/OUT Sunset View, Upavon Way – awaiting decision. WODC have arranged site visit.  
173.3 17/00582/HHD Rock Cottage – awaiting decision.  
173.4 17/00761/HHD Greystones, Lower End- awaiting decision
- 174 Local Plan and Plan A:  
174.1 RM confirmed that the Parish Council have moved on many of their tasks. These are now in the hands of other authorities and so out of our time scale. Plan A will be re-visited quarterly.  
174.2 Local Plan: Inspectors enquiry date are Stage 2 May 2017 and Stage 3 July 2017. Stage 3 is site specific so if CW is coming back it will be in July. JG is attending Stage 2, RM has asked to speak at Stage 3. Letter has been sent re AGGROW
- 175 Playing Field:  
175.1 MUGA washed today- MH attended as MDCH is away. Cracking at top right hand corner is nothing to worry about just settlement.
- 176 Car Park – DG:  
176.1 Minutes submitted by DG. Verbal quotes received have been included in the minutes. Tarmac £8k-£18.5k depending on what work they are doing- cleaning surface- depth-concrete edges. Coloured tarmac is twice the price. The size of the plot also varies with the contractor. JG will investigate if there is a recommended depth. DG has also asked contractors for alternatives. Minutes were signed.
- 177 Traffic & Highways:  
177.1 Some potholes have been filled.  
177.2 Accident reports- JG has checked the data received from OCC. There were 4 serious accidents in previous 5 years but there is now a lot more traffic and there have been 6 accidents in the last 5 years. Compared to A420 in Buckland, which is a known black spot, there have been 5 accidents in the last 5 years. We should try and get the speed limit reduced and draw OCC attention to the data. It is becoming

quite a dangerous stretch of road. APC will write to OCC Highways and copy to P Handley and ask for a reduced speed limit. Agreed.

177.3 Bollards- Clerk has been chasing the re instatement of the bollards by the Gassons but OCC have come back and stated < it was not in line with highways policies and no further work is required>. We have no choice but to close this line of inquiry with them. APC will ask if OCC will object if we replace them ourselves.

177.4 New classroom is being delivered on 11<sup>th</sup> April. It may cause some disruption.

177.5 Clerk has been requested for a photo of the hole where the Lower End sign used to be. This will be done.

178 Environment & Conservation:

178.1 None

178.2 WODC need to talk to MH or DG tomorrow concerning Risk Assessment. Clerk will email this to DG tonight.

179 Countryside & Footpaths:

179.1 Dan Weekes no response

180 Village Hall Representative BH:

180.1 No report

181 Finance:

181.1 Cheques paid list was circulated and approved. Cheques were signed.

181.2 RFO nominated W. Phipps to be appointed as Internal Auditor for this year. Agreed.

182 Fete – RM

Charity Commission application was turned down as the way in which the objectives were expressed did not coincide with Charitable aims. The requirement will be that the Trustees will have clear control over how the money is spent. It cannot automatically be divided between four organisations as in the past as this is not in their control. The criteria has been reached as PCC- Religion, School- Educational, Playground- recreation. The Fete committee will re-configure so they become known as Alvescot Village Association who will raise money to make grants to fill the Charitable aims. In future organisations will write to ask for a share of the monies. It will take time to re configure and will not happen before this years fete, As RM stated the Parish Council are needed to provide the safety net.

MF, RM and Ann Codagan will review the Risk Assessment. This will be brought to the next PC meeting as it will have to satisfy the Insurers.

Planning is going ahead and they have organised a race night to be held in The Plough. There will also be a sweepstake for the Grand National. 40 horses at £5 per ticket- 50% of money raised will go to Fete. DG will attend the sweepstake ticket sales on Friday night.

183 Future Meetings:

Next meeting will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> May. This will be preceded by the APM starting at 7pm.